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SUBJECT: SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER BELIEVES KING KHALID'S VISIT
TO JORDAN AND SYRIA WAS USEFUL

1. ON JAN 2 SAUDI FONMIN PRINCE SAUD AL-FAISAL TOLD
CHARGE THAT KING KHALID'S RECENT TRIP TO JORDAN AND
SYRIA WAS FAIRLY SUCCESSFUL IN PERSUADING KING HUSSEIN
TO MAINTAIN A POLICY OF COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING
TOWARD EGYPT, BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO JORDAN'S GOOD
RELATIONS WITH SYRIA -- TO WHICH SAUDI ARABIA ALSO
ATTACHES IMPORTANCE.

2. PRINCE SAUD BELIVED, HOWEVER, THAT TENSION
BETWEEN SYRIA AND EGYPT WOULD CONTINUE AS LONG
AS THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM REMAINED ON DEAD CENTER.
THERE WERE ELEMENTS IN SYRIA THAT WERE NOT WELL
DISPOSED TOWARD A STEP-BY-STEP SOLUTION OR PERHAPS
ANY PEACEFUL SOLUTION WHATSOEVER. THE SAG WAS
CONCERNED THEREFORE HOW SARG POLICIES AND PRESIDENT
ASAD'S OWN POSITION COULD BE AFFECTED BY CONTINUED
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STALEMATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

3. SPECIAL ASSISTANT SABBAGH HAS BEEN TOLD BY
FOR JORDANIAN P.M. TALHOUNI THAT HE WOULD TRAVEL TO
DAMASCUS JAN 5 OR 6 TO EXPRESS THE GOJ'S HOPE THAT
SYRIAN MIDEAST POLICIES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE MODERATE
AND CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH THOSE OF JORDAN.
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